

BILL NO. 94-30

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 94-30

Introduced by Council President Wilson at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 94-12 Date April 19, 1994

AN ACT to repeal and reenact with amendments Section 28-1, Establishment of retirement program; eligibility and Section 28-2, Service Benefits, of Article I, Pensions, of Chapter 28, Fire, Ambulance and Rescue Organizations, of The Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for changes to the retirement program for The Harford County Volunteer fire fighters.

By the Council, April 19, 1994

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: May 17, 1994

at: 6:30 p.m.

By Order: James D. Vannoy, Acting Secretary

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on May 17, 1994, and concluded on, May 17, 1994.

James D. Vannoy Acting Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that Section  
2 28-1, Establishment of retirement program; eligibility and Section 28-2, Service Benefits of  
3 Article I, Pensions, of Chapter 28, Fire, Ambulance & Rescue Organizations, all of the Harford  
4 County Code, as amended, be, and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments,  
5 all to read as follows:

6 ARTICLE I

7 Pensions

8 § 28-1. [Establishment of retirement program; eligibility.] VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER  
9 LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM.

10 A. There is hereby established a [retirement program] LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD  
11 PROGRAM for qualified active volunteer members of the County Volunteer Fire  
12 Departments/Companies or ambulance corps and/or any volunteer fire company receiving  
13 contributions from the county. For the purposes of this section, an "active volunteer  
14 member" is defined as a person who has accumulated a minimum of fifty (50) points per  
15 calendar year, in accordance with the point system set forth in this section.

16 B. Any person who has served as a member of a County Volunteer Fire  
17 Department/Company or ambulance corps and/or volunteer fire companies receiving  
18 contributions from the county shall be eligible to receive benefits hereinafter set forth,  
19 provided that:

20 (1) The person is certified, in accordance with the provisions of this section, to have  
21 served as an active volunteer subsequent to January 1, 1975.

22 (2) Any person who discontinued active volunteer service prior to January 1, 1970,  
23 may receive credit for such service after being certified, in accordance with the

1 provision of this section, to have performed five (5) years' active volunteer  
2 service subsequent to such date.

- 3 (3) Any person who completes twenty-five (25) years of certified service and has not  
4 attained the age of sixty (60) may be qualified. He will become eligible for  
5 benefits upon reaching the age of sixty (60), provided that he is certified as to the  
6 twenty-five (25) years of qualified service prior to January 1, 1975. After  
7 January 1, 1975, a person must accumulate the proper number of points needed  
8 to qualify. After a person is qualified and certified, failure to remain active or  
9 to maintain membership in a Fire Department/Company or ambulance corps will  
10 not disqualify or otherwise affect any person from receiving benefits at the age  
11 of sixty (60).

12 § 28-2. Service benefits.

- 13 A. Beginning July 1, 1975, any person who has reached the age of sixty (60) and who has  
14 completed a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of certified active volunteer service with  
15 any County Volunteer Fire Department/Company or ambulance corps shall receive  
16 benefits in the amount of [one hundred dollars (\$100)] \$150.00 per month for life.  
17 Payments shall begin on the first day of the month following eligibility. The program  
18 shall be administered by the Director of Administration of the county, and payments shall  
19 be made directly to the volunteer entitled to such benefits.

- 20 B. An additional payment of [two dollars (\$2)] \$3 per month shall be added to the benefits  
21 described in Subsection A of this section for each full year of volunteer service in excess  
22 of twenty-five (25) years, provided that a maximum benefit of [one hundred fifty dollars

1 (\$150.)] \$225.00 per month or equivalent shall be payable to any individual.

2 C. In the event that any active volunteer fireman or corpsman [defined, for the purposes of  
3 this subsection, as one who has at least two (2) years of qualifying service in the five (5)  
4 preceding years] attains the age of seventy (70) years and fails to achieve the required  
5 twenty-five (25) years of service, the volunteer is entitled to a monthly benefit of the  
6 number of years of certified service completed multiplied by [four dollars (\$4.)] \$6.00.

7 These benefits shall be payable in the normal manner.

8 Section 2: And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect sixty (60) calendar days  
9 from the date it becomes law.

10 EFFECTIVE: July 22, 1994

*The Secretary of the Council does hereby  
certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill  
are immediately available for distribution to  
the public and the press.*

*James D. Vannoy*  
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Acting Secretary

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 94-30(Brief Title) Retirement Benefits - Volunteer Fire Fighters

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Secretary  
of the Council

James D. Vannoy  
President of the Council

Date May 17, 1994Date May 17, 1994

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 94-15 (May 17, 1994)

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 18th day of May, 1994 at 3:00 p. m.

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Eileen M. Redmann  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date May 23, 1994

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 94-30), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on May 23, 1994.

James D. Vannoy  
Acting Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 22, 1994